

Virginia Council on Environmental Justice

Tuesday, August 8th, 2023

10:30am – 3:30pm EST

Location: Department of Forestry, 900 Natural Resources Drive, Suite 800
Charlottesville, Virginia, 22903

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Agenda

- 10:30 am Welcome, *Chair Taysha DeVaughan* (10 mins.)
- 10:45 am Introduction to Gold Mining Presentation, *resident Katie Whitehead* (15 mins.)
- 11:00 am Gold Mining Presentation, *William Hopkins, Committee on Impacts of Gold Mining in Virginia Chairperson, National Academy of Sciences* (30 mins.)
- 11:30 am Council discussion of Gold Mining in Virginia
- 12:00 pm Working Lunch and Public Comment Period and Discussion (90 mins.)
 - 1) Public comment period (1 hour) - Please see Guidelines on next page
 - 2) Discussion (30 mins.)
- 1:30 pm Nuclear Reactors Presentation, *Clinch Coalition* (30 mins.)
- 2:00 pm Council Discussion (20 mins.)
- 2:20 pm Discussion of Outstanding Issues (65 mins.)
 - a. Final Report Planning
 - b. Election planning
- 3:25 pm Close/adjourn, *Chair Taysha DeVaughan* (5 mins.)

PUBLIC COMMENTS AT VIRGINIA COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE MEETINGS

PUBLIC COMMENTS AT VIRGINIA COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE MEETINGS: The Council encourages public participation in the performance of its duties and responsibilities. It schedules a public comment period at each regular meeting to provide residents with the opportunity to discuss matters relevant to the board which may or may not be listed on the meeting's agenda.

Those persons wishing to address the Council during this time should indicate their desire in advance of the meeting by emailing or mailing a draft of their comment to the staff person serving as the public comment period point of contact, when possible. Any person submitting comments/requesting to speak shall:

1. Identify themselves by name and address, including zip code
2. Limit their remarks to 3 minutes or less (as read aloud)
3. Address an environmental justice topic/community concern
4. Refrain from making any personal references or accusations of a factually false and/or malicious nature

Comments violating these rules are subject to be disregarded at the Council meeting, and the speaker may be removed from the podium and/or from the meeting.

POOLING MINUTES: Persons may pool their minutes to allow for a single presentation to the Council that does not exceed the time limitation of 3 minutes times the number of persons pooling minutes, or 15 minutes, whichever is less. A speaker must present the names of at least five individuals who are present in the audience and who wish to yield their three minutes.

The Council reserves the right to alter the time limitations set forth in this policy without notice and to ensure comments presented at the meeting conform to this policy.

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